



How to find Washington State MARRIAGE&DIVORCE RECORDS

Washington State Library
www.sos.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx

Who has the records?

Marriage & divorce certificates from January 1, 1968 to four months before the present day are held by the [Washington Department of Health](http://www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/cert.htm). www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/cert.htm

For recent marriage certificates from the last 4 months, contact the [county auditor](#) where the license was filed. For divorce certificates, contact the [county clerk](#).
www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/CHS_Aud.pdf / www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/CHS_Clk.pdf

For marriage certificates before January 1, 1968, contact the [county auditor](#) where the license was obtained. For divorce certificates, contact the [county clerk](#).

Washington State Archives

Many county auditors have given the marriage records held in their offices to the Washington State Archives. They will be held at one of the 5 Archives branches around the state. Check out the [map](#) to locate the correct branch for your county. www.sos.wa.gov/archives/search.aspx

Washington State Archives has begun to digitize the marriage records in their collections, and the records that have been digitized can be viewed for free on the [Washington State Digital Archives](#) web site. www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections.aspx#RSID:1

WA Digital Archives has some early divorce records listed in their [Frontier Justice Index](#).
www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections.aspx#RSID:13

How can I find a marriage or divorce date?

The State Library has a Washington Marriage Index and a Washington Divorce Index for 1968-2004. You can submit a lookup request on our [Ask-A-Librarian](#) page. www.sos.wa.gov/library/ask_form.aspx

For marriage dates before 1968, it is more difficult to locate dates. If the record you are looking for has been scanned into the [Washington Digital Archives](#), you can locate the date there. Otherwise, you will need to try various organizations, print and online resources, such as a county auditor's office, state and county archives, libraries and genealogical societies.

The [genealogy collection at the Washington State Library](#) includes over 50 titles indexing early marriages in the Pacific Northwest. You can browse our online catalog to see what areas, and what years are covered. www.sos.wa.gov/library/catalog.aspx

We are not aware of any pre-1968 divorce indexes for Washington State.

Additional Resources:

Clark County

1924 Clark County Marriages – [A-D](#) / [E-J](#) / [K-Q](#) / [R-Z](#) - www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~waclark/clark.htm

Island County

[Island County Marriage Index 1855 – 1891](#) - <http://files.usgwarchives.org/wa/island/vital/mi5591.txt>

[Island County Marriage Index 1859 - 1915](#) - <http://files.usgwarchives.org/wa/island/vital/mi5915.txt>

King County

The [King County Archives](#) has marriage records, and several marriage indexes in its collection.

The [1853-1900 index](#) is online. www.kingcounty.gov/operations/archives/vital/marriage/index.aspx

Their complete marriage index, from 1853-1983 is available to search in house only.

At the [King County Recorder's Office](#) web site, you can search for a marriage record from 1979 to the present. www.kingcounty.gov/business/Recorders/RecordsSearch.aspx

Pierce County

[Pierce County Recorder's Office](#) has marriage dates from 1980's to the present.

<http://hartweb.co.pierce.wa.us/localization/menu.asp>

Stevens County

[Stevens County Marriage Index 1859-1864](#) - <http://files.usgwarchives.org/wa/stevens/vitals/marriages/marr5964.txt>

[Stevens Co. Marriage Index 1886-1890](#) - <http://files.usgwarchives.org/wa/stevens/vitals/marriages/marr8690.txt>

[Stevens Co. Marriage Index 1901-1902](#) - <http://files.usgwarchives.org/wa/stevens/vitals/marriages/marr0102.txt>

Pacific Northwest

[British Columbia Marriages 1859-1933](#) - <http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/sn-41E0088/gbsearch/Marriages>

[California Marriage Records 1949-1985](#) - (access by subscription only, the state library has a subscription)

www.vitalsearch-ca.com/gen/ca/_vitals/camarrin.htm

[Kootenai, ID Marriage Index 1885-1910](#) - <http://files.usgwarchives.org/id/kootenai/vitals/marriages/18001910.txt>

[Multnomah County \(Portland, OR\) Marriages 1855-1910](#) - www.gfo.org/multcomar.htm

[Old Western States Marriage Record Index](#) - <http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>

[Oregon Divorce Index 1946-60, 2001-2004](#) - (access by subscription only, state library has a subscription)

www.vitalsearch-ca.com/gen/or/_vitals/ordivorm-go.htm

[Oregon Historical Records Index](#) (includes marriages) - <http://genealogy.state.or.us/>

[Oregon Marriage Records 1921-24, 1946-2004](#) (access by subscription only, state library has a subscription)

www.vitalsearch-ca.com/gen/or/_vitals/ormarrim-go.htm